

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were pending. Claims 10-12 and 15 were rejected. Claims 1-9, 13 and 14 were allowed. In this Reply, claim 3 is amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 10-12 and 15 are cancelled without prejudice. New claims 16-22 are added.


The applicant notes that the Office Action included copies of two Form 1449's signed by the Examiner; however, the applicant notes that the Examiner appears not to have placed his initials next to the entry for the Watterson et al. patent in the Form 1449 submitted on March 5, 2002. The applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the Form 1449.

The new claims are apparatus claims that depend from independent claims 13 and 14, and are directly analogous to method claims 2-6 and 8-9, which the Examiner has determined to be allowable. The applicant submits that all of the remaining claims are allowable.

Enclosed is a \$110 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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